building measures, including increased transparency, review of cases of detenues and their release from time to time, etc.

As a result of the above efforts and measures, there has been a distinct change and improvement in the overall situation and environment, as also in the mood of the people in the State. The development and political process has also gained visible impetus. All this enabled the peaceful and successful conduct of the Parliamentary elections in the State in May 1996, which marks a major step towards the restoration of peace and normalcy in the State. The Government now intends to hold elections to the State Assembly shortly, so that a representative and popular Government can be set up in the State, as a further step towards the restoration of compelete peace.

Use of Energy Saving Technology

1866. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any instructions had been issued to different States to use energy saving technology; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by various State Government's in that regard during the last three years and the result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) In order to encourage energy conservation guidelines have been issued from time to time to States highlighting the need to use energy efficient tehcnology in various sectors of economy.

(b) The measures taken during last three years by States, *inter-alia,* include implementation of system improvement schemes to reduce transmission and distribution losses, modernization of existing power houses, implementation of energy saving technology in industrial, agricultural, commercial and domestic sectors which include energy audit, demonstration projects for specific sub-sectors, training programmes, seminars/ workshops, awareness campaign, demand side management studies and programmes, efficient lighting, rectification of pumpsets and promotion/ application of non-conventional sources of energy wherever feasible.

As a result of the measures taken by the Governments at Centre and States level the awareness about energy conservation has increased leading to wider application of energy saving technologies.

Privatisation of power supply in Delhi

1867. SHRI S.M. KRISHNA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the acute shortage of power supply in Delhi,

(b) if so, what concrete steps have been taken by Government to increase the power supply to Delhi;

(c) whether Government propose to privatise the power supply in Delhi in view of the difficulties being faced to raise additional resources and other difficulties; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) The details of power supply position including peak demand and supply in Delhi for the period April to June, 1996 are as under:

	Energy (MU) April to June, 1996	Peak Demand (MW) April to June, 1996
Requirement	3585	2150
Availability	3508	2022
Deficit	77	128
(%)	(2.1)	(6.0)

(b) Additional allocation of power from Central generating stations to Delhi has been made for meeting the increasing load demand during the summer months.